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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the first Office Action dated October 10, 2002, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by CONKLIN et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,363,378), and rejected claims 3-5 and 11-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over CONKLIN et al. in view of CHAKRABARTI et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,356,899). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Claims 1-22 remain pending.

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on September 24, 2001 that included four documents. The Examiner, however, failed to acknowledge that one of the

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